

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Nishiyama et al.

Application No.: 10/725,791

Confirmation No.: 3322

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD FOR
CLASSIFYING IMAGES INTO ONE OF A
PLURALITY OF CATEGORIES, AND
SELECTING AND DESIGNATING A
PREDETERMINED IMAGE FROM AMONG
IMAGES BELONGING TO AT LEAST ONE
DESIGNATED CATEGORY (AS AMENDED)

Group: 2173

Examiner: Haoshian Shih

Our File: IPO-P1881

Date: June 3, 2009

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2009 and the Interview Summary dated May 5, 2009.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: